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Budget Function: Miscellaneous: Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (1005).

Organization Concerned: Employment and Training Administration: Office of Management and Budget.

Congressional Relevance: Congress.

Authority: Impoundment Control Act of 1974.

In the President's 10th special message for fiscal year (FY) 1978 pursuant to the Impoundment Control Act, he proposed the rescission of \$500 million in annual budget authority that had been made available to the Employment and Training Administration for advances to the Unemployment Trust Fund and other funds. The 45-day period required for congressional action on the rescission proposal ended on September 22, 1978, without the Congress having passed a rescission bill. On September 21, 1978, the budget authority was apportioned to the Department of Labor and funds were allotted to the program. Since none of the budget authority was obligated prior to the end of FY 1978, the \$500 million lapsed on September 30, 1978. (HTW)



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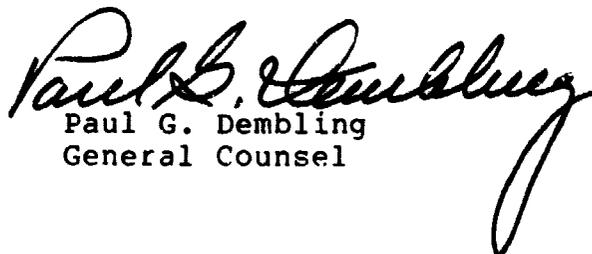
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To the President of the Senate and the  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

The purpose of this letter is to report on the status of budget authority that was proposed, but rejected, for rescission. In his 10th special message for fiscal year 1978, dated July 20, 1978, the President proposed the rescission of \$500 million in annual budget authority that had been made available to the Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration for advances to the Unemployment Trust Fund and other funds (rescission proposal R78-7).

Section 1012(b) of the Impoundment Control Act requires that funds proposed for rescission be made available for obligation unless the Congress completes action on a rescission bill within the 45-day period of continuous congressional session following the day such a proposal is received by the Congress. For rescission proposal R78-7, the 45-day period ended on September 22, 1978, without the Congress having passed such a bill.

We have confirmed that on September 21, 1978, the subject budget authority was apportioned by the Office of Management and Budget to the Department of Labor and that the funds were allotted to the program. However, none of the budget authority was obligated prior to the end of fiscal year 1978 and, as a result, the \$500 million lapsed on September 30, 1978, pursuant to law.

  
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